**Status of Street Children and Child Labour in Delhi**

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the 'Statesman' of September 21, 1992 captioned "Children victims of Exploitation" regarding a study by the National Labour Institute revealing the condition of street-children and child labour in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the Government's assessment about the number of street children in Delhi as per 1991 census, how many of them are (i) domestic servants, (ii) shop and restaurant workers, (iii) Casual labourers, (iv) construction workers, (v) collies and how many are self-employed doing paltry business like paper vending an how many are beggers; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to help them develop their personality to its best self?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) the newsitem entitled "Children, Victims of Exploitation" is based on a study conducted and financed by UNICEF in 1988 which was published by National Labour Institute in 1992.

The Census data for 1990-91 is not available. The 1981 census gives the following information for working children in the age group of 0-14 years, for Delhi:

I. *Main Workers.*

| Categories | Male | Female | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cultivators | 234 | 95 | 329 |
| Agricultural labourers | 243 | 97 | 340 |
| Livestock, Forestry, | 121 | 12 | 133 |
| Fishing, Hunting and Plantations, Orchards and Allied activities | | | |
| Mining and Quarrying | 185 | 82 | 267 |
| Manufacturing, Processing Servicing and Repairs: | | | |
| (a) Household Industry | 643 | 148 | 791 |
| (b) Other than Household Industry | 8574 | 1021 | 9595 |
| Construction | 1391 | 439 | 1830 |
| Trade and Commerce | 3622 | 130 | 3752 |
| Transport, Storage and Communications | 568 | 34 | 602 |
| Other Services | 5790 | 1426 | 7216 |
| TOTAL: | 21371 | 3484 | 24855 |

II. *Marginal Workers*

| Categories | Male | Female | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cultivators | 90 | 195 | 285 |
| Agricultural Laborurers | 35 | 66 | 101 |
| Livestock, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting and Plantations Orchards and allied activities.. | 24 | 13 | 37 |
| Mining and Quarrying | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Manufacturing, Processing, Servicing and Repairs: | | | |
| (a) Household Industry | 24 | 31 | 55 |
| (b) Other than Household Industry | 142 | 49 | 191 |
| Construction | 18 | 3 | 21 |
| Trade and Commerce | 59 | 6 | 65 |
| Transport, Storage and Communication | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Other Services. | 47 | 40 | 87 |
| TOTAL: | 451 | 413 | 864 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | 21,822 | 3897 | 25,719 |

It has been informed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that the Directorate of Social Welfare has infrastructure of 24 residential institutions, for the care, treatment and reha bilitation of destitute, neglected, deliquent and other categories of childoren requiring institutional care.

A scheme for development of the street children with the collaboration of UNICEF has been approved recently by the Ministry of Welfare which will be implemented through NGOs. (Non-Governmental-Organisations).

Financial assistance is being provided to ICCW (Indian Council for Child Welfare) by the Government under the grant-in-aid scheme for the project entitled "Centre for street and working children".

In addition to this, with the assistance of International Labour Organisation (ILO), a project for the benefit of working children viz. IPEC (International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour) has been finanalised recently. This project covers working children/Street children of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

**मौलाना अबुल कलाम आजाद के लि "भारत रत्न" पुरस्कार**

*393. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मौलाना अबुल कलाम आजाद को दिया गया "भारत रत्न" पुरस्कार वापस कर दिया गया है ;